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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

Isiziba expresses the view that for the objectives of the annual ministerial review to be effective and coherent, it has to ensure the involvement of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), whose social audits should be used as feedback for ensuring the accountability of participants. Common ground has to be achieved in finding new and better behaviour to reach goals and find courses of action based on best practices, in unity with creative dialogue for path-finding, clearing the barriers and aligning goals to achieve a "win-win agreement" process.

Development cooperation, in pursuing the implementation of internationally agreed goals, urgently needs to establish mechanisms, processes and procedures that can hold each country, the United Nations system, Governments and NGOs accountable to each other in order to ensure strengthened institutional capacity to impact consistently on the quality of life, on the basis of trusting relationships between the various stakeholders.

Against the backdrop of a world community clamouring for the acceleration of service delivery and the mitigation of rampant corruption, the focus of development cooperation should be on involving people in decision-making.

Isiziba advocates and lobbies for Member States to pay attention to the existing regulations and guidelines concerning the legal requirements of working in partnership with NGO and their involvement in participatory governance of intergovernmental processes, and to allow NGOs space for creative dialogues to express their views and influence the work of the Economic and Social Council.